Amdt 12/B

Bauman

4-24-03

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

AMENDMENT "B" ACCOMPANYING FILING OF RCE

APPLICANT: Peter POST et al   CONFIRMATION NO.: 5081

SERIAL NO.:   09/522,619   GROUP ART UNIT: 3629

FILED: March 10, 2000   EXAMINER: Naresh Vig

TITLE: **"METHOD FOR PROTECTING A SECURITY MODULE AND ARRANGEMENT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE METHOD"**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,

Washington, D.C. 20231

S I R:

In response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2003, Applicants herewith amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

1. (Twice amended) A method for protecting a security module comprising the steps of:

storing security relevant data in a non-volatile memory of a security module and inserting said security module in a device motherboard;

monitoring proper insertion of said security module on said device motherboard with a first function unit and a second function unit in said security module;

who, what ?

signaling at least one security-related status of said security module with said first function unit;

how ?

detecting at least one of improper use and improper replacement of said security module with said second function unit and, upon a detection of at least one